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Applicant(s): Aaron W.J. Atkinson
Group Art Unit: 3681
Examiner: H. Ho
Title: Differential Assembly And Method Of Assembly
Attorney Docket: 46107-0083
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- 1) USPTO Transmittal Form (including Certificate of Facsimile Transmission) (1 page);
- 2) Fee Transmittal For FY 2005 (1 page);
- 3) Amendment and Response To Restriction Requirement (7 pages).

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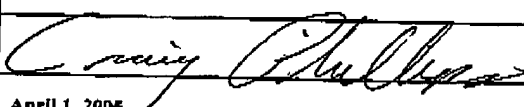
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
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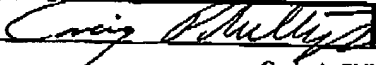
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Title:	Differential Assembly And Method Of Assembly)	
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2005, for which the one-month shortened statutory period for response expires on April 17, 2005. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, Group I (Claims 7, 9-11, and 17-24 – drawn to a biasing element) and Group II (Claims 12-16 – drawn to a differential assembly). Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (Claims 7, 9-11, and 17-24).

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.